Promotion Posts in Karnataka Cadre of IAS

2690. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present percentage of KAS promotees in the IAS cadre in Karnataka;

(b) whether the Karnataka Government has requested to increase the KAS quota to the IAS to 50 per cent; and

(c) if so, the action, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The number of posts available for promotees in the IAS Cadre of Karnataka is 33$^{1}/_{3}$ percent of the total number of Senior Duty Posts, Central Deputation Reserve, State Deputation Reserve and Training Reserve.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

More counters in Kendriya Bhandar, Raisina Road

2691. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kendriya Bhandar 'P' Block, Raisina Road, which is centrally located and arranges supply to various Ministries has only one counter for stationery items and there is always a long queue;

(b) whether the copier paper, which is now a common item especially for Government offices was not available in the stock on 20th July, 2001 and on various occations too; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to open one more counter for stationery items especially for the public / retailers as also for regular availability of copier paper in stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No Sir, there are six stationery counters in Kendriya Bhandar's outlet on Raisina Road.

(b) Yes Sir. However, the shortage was because of a dislocation in supplies of copier paper to Kendriya Bhandar. The Government has authorized NCCF & Super Bazar, other than Kendriya Bhandar to supply copier paper.

(c) Kendriya Bhandar's outlet at Raisina Road already has six stationery counters and opening of an additional counter is not considered necessary.

Entry age for Government services

2692. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the maximum age for entry into Government service to 35 years in view of less number of Government jobs and also to reduce the frustration of being overage amongst the unemployed youths; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The maximum age-limit for entry into Government service varies from 25 years to 50 years and it depends on the nature of duty, educational qualification and experience requirements. Raising the upper age limit by itself will not increase the chances of employment to the unemployed youths as the age limit will not affect the vacancy position.

Policy for reservation to most backward classes

†2693. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any effective policy to provide benefit of reservation to extremely downtrodden and extremely backward classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Reservation is provided to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes in Services under the Central Government in case of direct recruitment. Reservation in promotion is also provided to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. Extremely downtrodden and extremely backward people from these categories are also eligible for the benefit of reservation.

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